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The time period for claiming the benefit of a prior filed nonprovisional application to the above-identified continuation-in-part application has lapsed.

The time period for claiming the priority benefit is within the latter of four months from the actual filing date of the later-filed application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior-filed nonprovisional application.

Applicant hereby petitions to accept a claim for benefit of prior filed application no. 10/320,698, filed December 13, 2002. A petition including the following items is enclosed with this submission:

- (1) Petition Fee
- (2) Reference required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i)
- (3) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional. 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii)



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Date